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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 009389

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, LT, KN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF GOL BY LESOTHO

REF: MASERU 0058

1. DEPT APPRECIATES FULL REPORTING ON POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA BY LESOTHO.
2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD ADVISE GOL ON QUESTION OF RECOGNIZING NORTH KOREA. FORTY-SIX COUNTRIES HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, AND BOTH WE AND SOUTH KOREANS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY OF BOTH KOREAS INTO UN.

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3. IF ASKED FOR USG VIEWS, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT DECISION ON RECOGNITION RESTS WITH GOL. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT, WHETHER IT RECOGNIZES NK OR NOT, WE BELIEVE THE GOL SHOULD BE AWARE OF NORTH KOREA'S INTRANSIGENT POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE KOREA QUESTION AND ITS MOVES TO CREATE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. NOTE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN OF ITS FREQUENT DEVIATIONS FROM

NORMAL STANDARDS OF DIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOR AS INDICATED BY THE

NUMEROUS SMUGGLING INCIDENTS INVOLVING NORTH KOREAN  
DIPLOMATS. IN MAKING THESE POINTS YOU MAY DRAW ON  
RELEVANT PORTIONS OF STATE'S 221773 OF SEPTEMBER 6,  
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